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REGISTRATION FEE AND RATES OF COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of registration fee and bi-monthly rent to be charged from the metropolitan cities, urban and rural areas for providing telephone facilities;

(b) whether different rates of commission to be given to PCOs in the said areas have also been fixed;

(c) if so, the details of the present rates of commission in the said areas;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. is not providing facilities meant for rural areas; and

(e) if so, the concrete steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) As per Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), the tariff or registration fee and rent are under forbearance and service providers have flexibility to fix any tariff in metropolitan cities and urban areas. However, for rural areas the monthly rental, tariff and free calls have been regulated by TRAI. The details of such charges by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are given in Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The details are given in Annexure-II.

(d) M.T.N.L. is providing services in Delhi and Mumbai only, which has no rural area.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

ANNEXURE-I

DETAILS OF REGISTRATION FEE AND BI-MONTHLY RENT FOR LEANDLINE TELEPHONES

1 . Registration Fee: The registration fee charged by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is Rs. 500/- for metropolitan cities, urban and rural areas.

2. Bi-monthly rental charges:

(i) BSNL

BI-MONTHLY RENTAL CHARGES

Exchange system capacity	Urban	Rural
Less than 1000 lines	Rs. 240	Rs. 100
1000 lines and above but below 30000 lines	Rs. 240	Rs. 220
30000 lines and above but below 100000 lines	Rs. 360	Rs. 300
100000 lines and above	Rs. 500	Rs. 420

(ii) MTNL: The rental charged by MTNL varies from Rs. 160/- to Rs.2000/- per month depending upon the tariff plan.

ANNEXURE-II

1. RATE OF COMMISSION GIVEN TO PCOs BY BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED

(i) For STD/ISD PCOs in both Urban and Rural areas

Billed Metered Call Unit (MCU) per month per PCO	Rate of Commission
Upto 2500 MCU	25.0%
2501 to 4000 MCU	27.5%
4001 to 7000 MCU	30.0%
7001 to 10000 MCU	32.5%
10000 MCU and above	35.0%

Note:- The above commission is on non-graded basis.

(ii) For Local PCO

The rate of Commission is Rs. 0.30 per pulse for all type of Local PCOs in both Rural and Urban areas.

2. RATE OF COMMISSION GIVEN TO PCOs BY MAHANAGAR TELEPHONE NIGAM LIMITED

MTNL is operating in Delhi and Mumbai with only one type rate of Commission. Present Rate of Commission is Rs. 0.30 per pulse and pulse rate is 60 seconds.